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## **BCPS students to be honored for Rotary Club “Four-Way Test” wins**

*A Loch Raven High student will compete in April 24 District Finals*

TOWSON, MD. - The winners of the 2010 Four-Way Test ethics program, in which 12 Baltimore County public schools participated this year, will be honored at an April 22 awards ceremony at Loch Raven High School, hosted by the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley.

The Four-Way Test, which has been an official part of Rotary International since 1943, asks its participants to ask themselves four questions when making any decision: *Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Participants at all the competing schools were encouraged to express their thoughts about the Four-Way Test, with cash prize incentives for the top three finishers. Elementary school students were asked to develop posters, middle school students wrote essays, and high school students wrote speeches as part of their public speaking courses. The high school students presented their speeches at an event on April 7 to determine the grand prize winner. In addition, elementary schools promoted the program by recognizing students who demonstrated components of The Four-Way Test.

This is the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of the Hunt Valley Rotary’s Four-Way Test program, which was founded by the late James W. Houck, Sr., who was a member of Hunt Valley Rotary and the former Timonium Rotary.

Among the honorees on April 22 will be speech grand prize winner Rohan Goswami of Loch Raven High School. He will receive an award of \$1,000 for

winning the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley's competition. In addition, he represented the Club at Rotary District 7620's Oratorical Contest. At the semi-finals held on April 10 in Glen Burnie, he was chosen as one of four finalists among participants from Rotary Clubs throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C. He will compete in the District Finals on April 24 at the District Convention in Gettysburg.

In addition to Goswami, winning students will be honored from the six BCPS elementary schools, two middle schools, and four high schools that participated. The complete list of honorees follows:

**Fifth District Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Emma Slyker

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Molly Wilhelm

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Morgan Currey

***Fourth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Jillian Bollinger

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Max Herbkersman

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Camryn Kelbaugh

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Grace Stafford

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Olivia Cowie

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Mikki Silverio

**Pot Springs Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - David Mathai

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Leah Baker

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hanna Gauss

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Monika Rostek

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Nihar Shukla

**Prettyboy Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Finley Thibodeaux

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Grafton Griffey

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Savannah Rumsey

***Fourth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rachel Hazlett

**BCPS students honored for winning Rotary Club's Four-Way Test**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Grace Clark

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ryan Musolf

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Marcy Ledvinka

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Abigail Spurrier

**Seventh District Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katelyn Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cameron Finley

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sarah Openshaw

***Fourth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Emma Arthur

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Janie Bolling

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Anna Nash

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Maddie Dunn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Anna Mozelack

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Destany Reuter

**Sparks Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Trent Mooney

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Carson Stephenson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sydney Lippe

***Fourth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Christian Coherd

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brady McGee

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (two-way tie) – Samantha Paradise  
Sarah Wheatley

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alexandra Butz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Keegan Bush

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (two-way tie) – Britton Townsley  
Nicholas Townsley

**Warren Elementary School**

***Third Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Saanya Afroze

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ivy Xun

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ricci Flores

***Fourth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lindsay Docken

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Daniel Mason

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Joy M. Tarr

***Fifth Grade***

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Monae Pope

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Eunbin Choi

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emily Bloodworth

**2010 MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS**

**Cockeysville Middle School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Shreya Vuchula

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Micaela Cayce

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hannah Feustle

**Hereford Middle School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Will Cabral

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Annie Seaman

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Allie Stachura

**2010 HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS**

**Dulaney High School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kun Leng

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lisa Kamran

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – KC Schmitz

**Hereford High School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kathleen Quinn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chrissy Yates

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Becca Shaw

**Loch Raven High School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rohan Goswami

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Taylor Lurz

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Marissa Katz

**Towson High School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katrina Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Paul Weisko

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bobby Lindsey

"Baltimore County Public Schools appreciates the support of community partners like the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley with The Four-Way Test," said Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools. "The Rotary Club's long-standing reputation in Baltimore County makes its official code of ethics a wonderful lesson to teach our students, who will one day be members and leaders of this business community."

According to Greg Pierce, chairman of the James W. Houck Foundation , Inc. and past-president of The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley, "It is truly inspiring to see the effort and enthusiasm that these students invest in the Four-Way Test Contest each year, and I wish we could recognize all of the more than 1,000 participants. We are truly grateful to all of the teachers and administrators who work very hard with Hunt Valley Rotarians to make this program an important element in the character development of our future citizens, workforce, and leadership."

This year, through the program, the Rotary Club and its sponsors are awarding more than \$4,000 in prize money for students. Program sponsors this year include St. John Properties, Honeybaked Ham, Hunt Valley Business Forum, SPARKS! Web | Media | Marketing, UBS Financial Services, Inc., Shawan Downs, Towson Rotary Foundation, and David Simpson Photography.

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